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SUBJ: DEATHS AND ESTATES: ROLAND E. HALL, JR.

REF: STATE 6299 AND SYDNEY 1449

TO: MR. AND MRS. OLIVER S. HALL  
1119 SALEM STREET  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38122

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR NEPHEW E. ROLAND HALL, JR. THE SYDNEY POLICE INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL AT SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA ON JUNE 28 OF HIS DEATH AS THE RESULT OF A HEART ATTACK WHILE APPARENTLY ALONE AT HOME ON OR ABOUT JUNE 24. IT WAS NOT DISCOVERED THAT HE HAD PASSED AWAY UNTIL THE MORNING OF JUNE 28.

2. YOUR NEPHEW HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS UNITED STATES PASSPORT.

3. THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF MR. HALL'S PERSONAL EFFECTS AND AMONG THEM WE FOUND TWO INSURANCE POLICIES NAMING YOU AS BENEFICIARIES AND INDICATING THAT YOU WERE RESPECTIVELY HIS UNCLE AND AUNT. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE ON HAND THAT YOU ARE THE CLOSEST SURVIVING RELATIVES OF MR. HALL.

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RE REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR NEPHEW'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD COST ABOUT U.S. DOLLARS 2500 (AIR FREIGHT RATES VARY WIDELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WEIGHT OF THE REMAINS). CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE

UNITED STATES WOULD COST U.S. DOLLARS 1000. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED THE COST WOULD BE U.S. DOLLARS 750. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS U.S. DOLLARS 950. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

6. THERE IS INSUFFICIENT CASH ON HAND IN THE ESTATE TO COVER THESE COSTS.1 THERE ARE, ON THE OTHER HAND, BANK BOOKS SHOWING DEPOSITS IN THE NAME OF MR. HALL THAT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER ANY OF THE ABOVE MEANS OF DISPOSITION, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE CONSULATE GENERAL HAS NO POWER OR AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE WITHDRAWALS FROM BANK ACCOUNTS OF DECEASED AMERICANS TO MEET SUCH EXPENSES. THEREFORE, IN ORDER FOR US TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENTS IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR US TO RECEIVE DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.

7. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE REMAINS, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED. (B) TELEGRAPH THE REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS AT SYDNEY PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL. (C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

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IM UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF THE REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED TO THE UNITED STATES, WE ESTIMATE THAT ABOUT 8 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

9. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 241-1031 IN SYDNEY.

10. PLEASE BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BE- REAVEMENT.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA  
DAVIS

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